

been unable to reach an agreement this afternoon and tonight. It appears it will be necessary to file cloture tomorrow. We will continue to discuss our options on Friday and early next week, but I do believe that it is now time for us to finish this bill. I am disappointed in the number of amendments that Members have indicated they intend to offer, many of which have nothing to do with the underlying bill.

At this point, I announce that no rollcall votes will occur on Friday, and all Members should be aware that the next rollcall vote can be expected Monday evening. I will say more on Monday's schedule tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I noticed in the statement of the leader—I think it was a fair statement—that many amendments have nothing to do with the underlying bill, and he didn't designate that only Democrats were contemplating amendments that may not be pertinent to the bill. I am disappointed we have not been able to complete this legislation, as I indicated earlier. We are very close.

I repeat very quickly, because I have said it before, we have four contentious amendments. The total time we would take would be an hour and 35 minutes. We have the Made in America amendment by Senator FEINGOLD; the Lautenberg amendment dealing with foreign subsidiaries doing business with terrorist nations; the Corzine amendment dealing with section 301, which is having the President enforce the trade laws; then we had unemployment compensation. I am disappointed that we have not been able to get to those because I think it is important that we are able to do this bill.

We are going to pass this bill. It is only a question of time. This bill is so important that we, the Congress, and the President cannot leave here without passing this legislation. This is a must-pass piece of legislation. It is only a question of how we get there. I think we would have been better off dealing with these amendments and going on to something else.

The leader made a decision that cloture must be filed, and time will only tell whether cloture will be invoked. We have heard there may be an opportunity to vote on at least one of the contentious amendments. I hope that is the case. That may make things a little better. Everybody has tried hard and, in my opinion, it is not the fault of the managers of the bill. I know they have devoted a lot of time, energy, and effort to this most important piece of legislation. I understand where we are procedurally. I understand what the leader has stated.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, very briefly, in response, we have had a very productive week. As I set out really 2 weeks ago, and again last Friday and Monday, I agreed that we would work hard every day this week and we would consider relevant amendments, and we

would consider amendments that may not be considered relevant on both sides of the aisle, and we have indeed considered germane amendments that really pertain to and are germane to the bill, and nongermane amendments. It is a matter of definition. We have done just that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

We have reached the end of the week, having cast votes on a number of amendments and accepted others, working together. I, too, congratulate the managers for working together and moving this bill forward.

At this juncture, we plan on filing cloture tomorrow, and that means we will still, once cloture is obtained—I hope it is obtained—we still will be considering germane amendments to the underlying bill. We have had a productive week and considered a lot of amendments.

Although there is some disagreement about the best approach, I want to bring this to a close. We will have amendments in the early part of next week and they will be germane amendments.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 7, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 6, 2004:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RALPH LEO BOYCE, JR., OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND.

JOHN MARSHALL EVANS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA.

JOHN D. ROOD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. B. KOHLER JEFFREY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN F. REGNI, 0000

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JAMES N. MATTIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. RANDOLPH D. ALLES, 0000  
COL. JOSEPH F. DUNFORD JR., 0000  
COL. PAUL E. LEFEBVRE, 0000  
COL. RICHARD P. MILLS, 0000  
COL. MARTIN POST, 0000

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND SURGEON GENERAL AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5137:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DONALD C. ARTHUR JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JUSTIN D. MCCARTHY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JONATHAN W. GREENERT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. KEVIN J. COSGRIFF, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ALAN S. THOMPSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. PETER M. GRANT III, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) NANCY J. LESCAVAGE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARK W. BALMERT, 0000

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 6, 2004:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SCOTT H. DELISI, OF MINNESOTA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF ERITREA.

AUBREY HOOKS, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE.

CRAIG A. KELLY, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE.

THOMAS BOLLING ROBERTSON, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA.

MARC MCGOWAN WALL, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD.

JOHN CAMPBELL, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

MICHAEL CHRISTIAN POLT, OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO.